

State of Alaska Cyber Security & Critical Infrastructure Cyber Advisory

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SUBJECT:

Cumulative Security Update for Internet Explorer (MS15-056)

OVERVIEW:

Multiple vulnerabilities have been discovered in Microsoft's web browser, Internet Explorer, which could allow an attacker to take complete control of an affected system. Successful exploitation of these vulnerabilities could result in an attacker gaining elevated privileges on the system. An attacker could then install programs; view, change, or delete data; or create new accounts with full user rights.

THREAT INTELLIGENCE:

There is no known proof-of-concept code available at this time. Updates are available.

SYSTEMS AFFECTED:

- Internet Explorer 6
- Internet Explorer 7
- Internet Explorer 8
- Internet Explorer 9
- Internet Explorer 10
- Internet Explorer 11

RISK:

Government:

- Small government entities: High
- · Large and medium government entities: High

Businesses:

· Large and medium business entities: High

· Small business entities: High

Home users: High

TECHNICAL SUMMARY:

Multiple vulnerabilities were discovered in Internet Explorer due to the way objects in memory are improperly accessed. The vulnerabilities are as follows:

- 20 Memory Corruption Vulnerabilities (CVE-2015-1687, CVE-2015-1730, CVE-2015-1731, CVE-2015-1732, CVE-2015-1735, CVE-2015-1736, CVE-2015-1737, CVE-2015-1740, CVE-2015-1741, CVE-2015-1742, CVE-2015-1744, CVE-2015-1745, CVE-2015-1747, CVE-2015-1750, CVE-2015-1751, CVE-2015-1752, CVE-2015-1753, CVE-2015-1754, CVE-2015-1755, CVE-2015-1766)
- Three Escalation Privilege Vulnerabilities (CVE-2015-1739, CVE-2015-1743, CVE-2015-1748)
- One Information Disclosure Vulnerability (CVE-2015-1765)

These vulnerabilities could allow an attacker to execute remote code by luring a victim to a malicious website. When the website is visited, the attacker's script will run with same permissions as the affected user account. Successful exploitation of these vulnerabilities could result in an attacker gaining elevated privileges on the system. An attacker could then install programs; view, change, or delete data; or create new accounts with full user rights.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

We recommend the following actions be taken:

- Apply appropriate patches provided by Microsoft to vulnerable systems immediately after appropriate testing.
- Run all software as a non-privileged user (one without administrative privileges) to diminish the effects of a successful attack.
- Remind users not to click links from unknown sources, or to click links without verifying the intended destination.

REFERENCES:

Microsoft:

https://technet.microsoft.com/library/security/MS15-056

CVE:

http://www.cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2015-1687 http://www.cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2015-1730 http://www.cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2015-1731 http://www.cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2015-1732 http://www.cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2015-1735 http://www.cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2015-1736 http://www.cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2015-1737 http://www.cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2015-1739 http://www.cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2015-1740 http://www.cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2015-1741 http://www.cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2015-1742 http://www.cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2015-1743 http://www.cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2015-1744 http://www.cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2015-1745 http://www.cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2015-1747 http://www.cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2015-1748 http://www.cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2015-1750 http://www.cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2015-1751 http://www.cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2015-1752 http://www.cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2015-1753 http://www.cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2015-1754 http://www.cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2015-1755 http://www.cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2015-1765 http://www.cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2015-1766